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Re: Sign Me Up! Sign Builders
Wood County
Hazardous Waste
Notice of Violation

May 25, 2010

Mr. Mike Nole
Sign Me Up! Sign Builders
17708 North Dixie Highway
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Dear Mr. Nole:

On May 17, 2010, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (Ohio EPA) Division of Hazardous Waste Management (DHWM) conducted a universal waste compliance evaluation inspection of Sign Me Up! Sign Builders (SMUSB) located at 17708 North Dixie Highway in Bowling Green, Ohio. The reason for the universal waste inspection was that when I drove by your facility, I observed spent fluorescent bulbs in the solid waste dumpster located behind your building.

During my visit, I spoke with one of your employees, Dustin, and observed your operations. SMUSB designs and fabricates electric commercial signs, awnings, and letters for various clients.

I found the following violation of Ohio's hazardous waste rules. In order to correct this violation you must do the following and send me the required information within 30 days of your receipt of this letter:

1. OAC Rule 3745-52-11: Waste Evaluation

Any person who generates a waste must determine if that waste is a hazardous waste by using generator knowledge or by testing the waste.

SMUSB failed to have waste evaluation documentation or an established recycling plan in place for the fluorescent bulbs generated at the facility. SMUSB was managing the spent fluorescent bulbs as a solid waste.

Hazardous bulbs are considered "spent materials" and remain hazardous waste even when recycled. Hazardous waste lamp generators have the option of handling their lamps as hazardous waste or as universal waste. Managing hazardous waste lamps under the universal waste rules eases certain regulations imposed on generators of spent lamps.

Please be aware that incandescent, fluorescent, metal halide, neon, high-intensity discharge, high-pressure sodium and mercury-vapor lamps could be hazardous waste when discarded. Fluorescent lamps may contain up to 40 milligrams (mg) of mercury, depending on the brand and manufacturer.

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Lamps may also contain lead and cadmium. Many lamps exhibit a characteristic of toxicity for heavy metals when disposed. A copy of Fluorescent Lamps: What You Should Know, was given to Dustin at the time of my inspection. I recommend that you review this document and contact me if you have any questions.

SMUSB must immediately remove the spent fluorescent bulbs from the solid waste dumpster. SMUSB must submit to Ohio EPA documentation to demonstrate how you plan to properly manage your fluorescent bulbs. If SMUSB plans to manage the spent fluorescent bulbs as universal waste, please submit photographic documentation showing the storage containers properly closed, labeled, and dated. SMUSB must also properly train employees, who handle or have responsibility for managing universal waste, on waste handling and emergency procedures relative to their responsibilities. Please review the universal waste requirements with the appropriate employees and send me documentation that this has been completed. In addition, SMUSB must submit the name of the facility where you plan to recycle the bulbs.

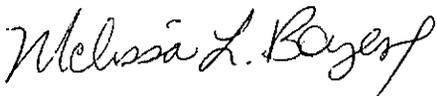
Ohio EPA will issue an EPA ID number to track our inspection activity. SMUSB cannot use this number for manifesting hazardous waste shipments. If SMUSB wants to use an EPA ID number for manifesting and other hazardous waste, used oil or universal waste activities, you must complete and submit a Notification of Regulated Waste Activity form (*EPA Form 9029 (Rev. 11/2002)*) to Ohio EPA. This form is available on our Web page at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dhwm/notiform.html> or you can call me at (419) 373-3066 or the Division of Hazardous Waste Management, Central Office, RIS at (614) 644-2977 and we will mail you a copy.

Ohio EPA has helpful information about compliance assistance and pollution prevention at the following web address: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ocapp>. In addition, you can find copies of the rules and other information on the division's web page at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dhwm/>.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the checklists that I completed during the inspection.

If you have any questions or I can be of assistance, please contact me at (419) 373-3066.

Sincerely,



Melissa L. Boyers
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

pc: Cindy Lohrbach, DHWM, NWDO
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DHWM, NWDO Wood County 2010 General File
ec: Melissa Boyers, DHWM, NWDO

Notice:

Ohio EPA's failure to list specific deficiencies or violations in this letter does not relieve your company from having to comply with all applicable regulations.

Send to Central Office <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency RCRA SUBTITLE C SITE IDENTIFICATION/VERIFICATION FORM	For Ohio EPA use only
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Completed verification forms required to be submitted to CO should be e-mailed to kristina.durnell@epa.state.oh.us.

Site EPA ID No. Site Name	EPA ID Number:		Website:					
	Name: Sign Me Up! Sign Builders		(Optional) www.888511sign.com					
Site Location Information	Street Address: 17708 N. Dixie Hwy.							
	City, Town, or Village: Bowling Green		State: OH					
	County Name: Wood		Zip Code: 43402					
Site Land Type (check only one) NAICS code(s) www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	District <input type="checkbox"/>	Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Facility Representative Additional names can be recorded in number 12 Only provide address information if it is different than the site address	First Name: Mike		MI:	Last Name: Nole		
	Phone Number: 419-930-8492			Phone Number Extension:		
	E-Mail Address:					
	Fax Number:			Fax Number Extension:		
	Street or P.O. Box:					
	City, Town or Village:			State:		
State:			Zip Code:			

Legal Owner And Operator of the Site. List Additional Owners and/or Operators in the Comment Section or on another copy of this form page	Name of Site's Legal Owner:				Date Became Owner (mm/dd/yyyy):				
	Owner Type:	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	District <input type="checkbox"/>	Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
	Street or P.O. Box:								
	City, Town or Village:				Owner Phone #:				
	State:				Country:		Zip Code:		
	Name of Site's Operator:				Date Became Operator (mm/dd/yyyy):				
	Operator Type:	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	District <input type="checkbox"/>	Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
	Street or P.O. Box:								
City, Town or Village:				Operator Phone #:					
State:				Country:		Zip Code:			

VIOLATIONS CITED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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TYPE OF HANDLER - MARK "X" AS APPROPRIATE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not a HW Generator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN: Cited for violation of 3745-52-11
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Quantity Generator (LQG)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Quantity Generator (SQG)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator	
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Importer of Hazardous Waste	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Waste (Hazardous and Radioactive) Generator	

TYPE OF REGULATED WASTE ACTIVITY (MARK "X" IN ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE BOXES)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycler of Hazardous Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Underground Injection Control Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste Transporter <input type="checkbox"/> Treater, Storer or Disposer of Hazardous Waste	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Boiler and/or Industrial Furnace <input type="checkbox"/> Small Quantity On-Site Burner Exemption <input type="checkbox"/> Smelting, Melting, Refining Furnace Exemption

UNIVERSAL WASTE ACTIVITIES (INDICATE TYPES OF UNIVERSAL WASTE MANAGED (CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY))

Small Quantity Handler of Universal Waste Destination Facility for Universal Waste

Large Quantity Handler of Universal Waste (accumulates 5,000 kg. or more)

CHECK ALL BOXES BELOW THAT APPLY FOR THE TYPES OF UNIVERSAL WASTE THE FACILITY MANAGES

Batteries

Pesticides

Mercury containing equipment

Lamps

USED OIL ACTIVITIES (INDICATE TYPE(S) OF ACTIVITY(S))

Used Oil Generator

Used Oil Transporter

Used Oil Transfer Facility

Used Oil Processor

Used Oil Re-refiner

Off-Specification Used Oil Burner

Used Oil Fuel Marketer Who Directs Shipment of Off-Spec. Oil

Used Oil Fuel Marketer to Off-Specification Used Oil Burner

Waste Codes for Federally Regulated Hazardous Wastes. Please list the codes for the federally regulated hazardous waste handled at the site. List them in the order they are presented in the regulations (e.g., D001, D003, F007, U112). Use an additional page or list them in the comments if more space is needed. If the waste codes are the same as listed in the most recent RCRAInfo source record, you do not need to list them. Instead just indicate the date of the most recent source record.

COMMENTS: USE THIS AREA TO DESCRIBE WHETHER THE INSPECTION WAS ANNOUNCED, WHETHER THE WASTE IS STORED IN TANKS OR CONTAINERS, ETC.

Announced Yes No Additional Facility Representatives:

Tanks Yes No

Containers Yes No

Name of Inspector(s) Melissa Boyers Name of Inspector(s) _____ Date of Inspection/Time (mm/dd/yyyy) (hh:mm) 05/17/2010 1:15 PM

Comments:
Limited scope CEI conducted, 52-11 cited for fluorescent bulbs.

PROCESS DESCRIPTION/WASTE ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

Facility Name: Sign Me Up! Sign Builders Facility Type: LQG/SQG/CESQG/TSD EPA ID#:

Description of Waste				On-Site Management			Off-Site Management
Process/Activity Generating Waste <small>(e.g. plating bath, machining, baghouse, painting, etc)</small>	Waste Generated <small>(e.g. sludge, spent solvent, ash, etc)</small>	EPA Waste Code	QTY Generated per Month	Type of Accumu- lation/ Storage <small>(e.g. container, tank, etc)</small>	Type of On- Site Treatment <small>(recycle, wwt, etc)</small>	Waste Location <small>(Include map if possible)</small>	Name, state, and type of activity occurring at the facility.
1	Lighting						Managing them as solid waste
2							
3							
4							